Supply of seed potatoes.

Q. 13.—Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the arrangements that are made for the supply of seed potatoes to the ryots in the State;

(*b*) where do they get the seed potatoes and at what cost;

(*c*) whether sufficient care is taken to select the best seed and to supply the same to the ryots in time?

A.—Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) The Mysore State Marketing Society procures the seed potatoes and distributes it through the Primary Marketing Co-operative Societies to the needy ryots.

(*b*) From Himachal Pradesh and Burma. The cost depends on the rate that prevails during the months of October and November each year when the potato season starts and varies according to pro-current rates. The cost of seed potatoes during 1964-65 was as under:—

1. Burma Seed Potatoes—Rs. 74 per bag (ex-destination).
2. Simla Seed Potatoes—Rs. 68.42 (average per bag) ex-Simla).

(c) Yes.

Villages without Educational Facilities.

Q. 17.—Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of villages in Bangalore Division that are still without any educational facilities;

(*b*) the number of primary schools in the above division that are still without proper accommodation for schools;

(*c*) the steps taken to provide buildings for all these schools and the time required for so doing?

A.—Sri S. R. KANTHI (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) 870.

(*b*) 60.

(*c*) Government contribution of Rs. 1,000 per room is assured for new school buildings. The Taluk Development Board is responsible for construction of Primary School buildings. They are being urged to take up more buildings.